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# FRENCH ARTILLERY PROTECTING VERDUN

Hammering Away at German Lines of Communication on Eastern Fringes of Argonne Forest

GERMANS GAIN TRENCH, ONLY TO LOSE IT AGAIN

Along the Russian Front From the Region of Friedrichstadt to the District Around Vilna the Russians and Germans are in Conflict—Blizzard Fails to Deter Italians from Attacking and Occupying Austrian Positions in the Cordevole Valley—Turks Report Defeat of a British Force on the Right Bank of the Tigris River Near Felaheh.

It is still in the French and Russian theatres that the heaviest battles are in progress, but fighting also is continuing in the Austro-Italian zone, in Serbia, near the Greek frontier and in Asiatic Turkey. The French are keeping up their vigorous bombardment of the woods of Malancourt and Avocourt, north-west of Verdun, which are held by the Germans and also are hammering away with their guns at German lines of communication in the eastern fringes of the Argonne forest. To the north and east of Verdun an intermittent bombardment by the Germans and French second line positions is still going on with the French replying energetically. The only infantry encounter along the western front took place in the Argonne forest, where the Germans gained a portion of a French first line trench but were expelled from it by a counter attack and lost some thirty men taken prisoners. Along the Russian front from the region of Friedrichstadt to the district around Vilna the Russians and Ger-

**"A DIRECT" MESSAGE OF DENIAL FROM HERRERA**  
Received by John T. Burns, de Facto Consul General at New York.

New York, March 24.—John T. Burns, consul general here for the defunct Mexican government, announced today that he had received "a direct" message from General Carranza, president of Mexico, denying the report that he had deserted General Carranza and had joined Villa's forces. Mr. Burns said he had received a telegram also from General Trevino, a Carranza leader in Guadalupe, that all the Carranza troops in that vicinity were loyal to the constitutionalist government and actively engaged in the pursuit of Villa, and that General Talamantes, another Carranza chief, reported everything quiet in Torreón and vicinity. He also reported that a party that about 7,000 troops in this part of Mexico had deserted to Villa. Mr. Burns received word also, he said, that General Carranza, a Villa chieftain, had asked for amnesty for himself and several hundred men and had expressed his willingness to surrender to General Trevino. It was understood, according to this message, that terms were being arranged.

**TO TEST DEFENSES OF NORTH ATLANTIC COAST**  
By a Series of Mimic War Manoeuvres Next Summer.

Newport, R. I., March 24.—The defenses of the North Atlantic coast are to be tested by a series of mimic war manoeuvres, according to orders received here. Eastern New York defenses will be tested, and on July 24 to 29, the forts being called upon to meet an attack by a fleet of torpedo boat destroyers and mine planters, representing an enemy fleet harbor will be the scene of attacks from Aug. 4 to 10.

A similar series of the Long Island Sound defenses is to be made from Aug. 14 to 20, when the men of the forts and the fleet, and some of the Narragansett Bay points will be transferred to places that may be objectives of the enemy.

**PROGRESS OF BRITISH TROOPS IN GERMAN EAST AFRICA.**  
Driving Germans from the Line Along the Ruw River.

London, March 24, 7.45 p. m.—The British expeditionary force campaigning against German East Africa is making further progress in its aggressive operations, according to an official statement issued tonight. General Jan Christian Smuts, in charge of the operations, has reported the occupation of Arusha and the driving of the Germans from the line along the Ruw river. Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, the secretary of state for war, has telegraphed his congratulations to the commanding general.

**CONDITIONS AT TAMPIOCO REMAIN UNCHANGED.**  
Wireless from Commander Marshall of the Gunboat Machias.

Washington, March 24.—Commander Marshall of the gunboat Machias at Tampico reported by wireless late today that conditions in the city remained unchanged. Mexican port still was unchanged. His message was in reply to one sent by Secretary Daniels, who two days passed without any information reaching the department concerning a rumor that bandits had been seen near the Machias had taken about American women and children.

Harvard Defeated Yale in Debate. New Haven, Conn., March 24.—Harvard defeated Yale in debate here tonight, upholding the affirmative of this question: Resolved, that the United States should adopt a compulsory military service modeled after that of Switzerland. The decision of the judges was unanimous.

## Cabled Paragraphs

**Steamer Englishman.**  
London, March 24, 11.30.—The steamer Englishman of the Dominion line has been sunk, according to Lloyd's. It is stated that thus far 58 survivors have been accounted for.

**ENTENTE POWERS REFUSE TO DISARM MERCHANTMEN.**  
Reject Proposal Made by the United States State Department.

Washington, March 24.—All the entente powers, through their embassies here, have handed to Secretary Lansing formal responses rejecting the proposal made by the state department in its circular memorandum that the entente powers should disarm all of their merchant ships, with the understanding that the United States government would endeavor to secure from the central powers a pledge not to attack any such unarmed ships without warning and without providing for the safety of the passengers and crew.

Soon after the proposition was made, the entente powers indicated their refusal to accept the proposal. It was generally believed here that this unanimous expression of disapproval inspired the German government to promulgate the new order, which is now in force, for attacks without warning by submarine commanders upon any armed belligerent merchantmen.

**SPLIT IN GERMAN SOCIALIST PARTY**  
Created by the Submarine Warfare Controversy in the Reichstag.

Berlin, March 24.—(By Wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.)—The long expected split in the German socialist party as the result of the political situation created by the submarine warfare controversy in the reichstag occurred today. A new party consisting of eight members of the reichstag, including the socialist caucus, was constituted by the radical wing after a socialist caucus had decided to exclude Deputy Haase for a breach of discipline. The socialist caucus was held after closure had been applied in the reichstag by the president when the resolution was passed to include the Deputy Haase for the same reason that Deputy Liebknecht was excluded from the reichstag. The resolution was passed by a vote of 100 to 10. The dissenting minority on the last vote consisted of thirty socialists.

**GOOD QUALITIES OF BRAZILIAN DYES**  
Expounded by South American Representative of a Detroit Auto Firm.

Detroit, March 24.—Brazil has solved the dye problem, according to Frank G. Lopez, South American representative of a Detroit automobile corporation, who is now in this city. "There is no reason to worry about the dye situation," he said. "The vegetable dyes of Brazil will solve the problem. I have been in Brazil for several months and have seen every possible attempt made to boil and otherwise eradicate the new vegetable dyes but the color remained fast."

**NO QUALIFIED MILITARY AVIATORS ARE AVAILABLE**  
For Service at the Signal Corps Aviation School at San Diego.

San Diego, Calif., March 24.—"There are no qualified military aviators available at the Signal Corps aviation school here for duty with the expeditionary forces in Mexico," said Captain Arthur S. Cowan, commander of the Signal Corps aviation school here, in commenting upon the request of Brigadier General Pershing for more aviators.

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## Troops Encounter Weather Extremes

SNOW AND SLEET AFTER MARCH IN WITHERING SUN

HAD NO OVERCOATS

Indications Are That the Troops Have Spread Fan-like Below Casas Grandes, Ranging From 30 to 120 Miles.

Columbus, N. M., March 24.—Snow and sleet coming after a nine day march under a withering desert sun, today brought difficulties to the American troops in the Casas Grandes district, according to reports received tonight from General J. J. Pershing, expeditionary commander in Mexico.

**Unusual Weather.**  
None of the troops are equipped for unusual weather, their orders having been made to minimize their baggage.

## What It Has Done For Others

The success of a business house can usually be measured by the amount of advertising that it has done and is doing.

Out in the city of Denver a merchant has figured up that he has spent the good sized sum of \$35,000 in newspaper advertising and as a result of his policy he has made \$362,000 and he attributes everything to the manner in which he backed up his faith in the daily paper. There can be no question but what if he was to start in business all over again that he would follow out just such a plan and do it more aggressively for he says, "Too few of our business men, big and little advertise successfully. They lack system and get discouraged because they do not see immediate and big results coming as the result of the first advertisement."

Advertising must be conducted with as much care as any other part of a business, and when that is done there can be no question as to the results. Consistent use of The Bulletin's columns proves that beyond question.

The following matter appeared in The Bulletin's columns during the past week:

| Bulletin             | Telegraph | Local | General | Total |
|----------------------|-----------|-------|---------|-------|
| Saturday, Mar. 18..  | 76        | 153   | 948     | 1177  |
| Monday, Mar. 20..    | 86        | 144   | 206     | 436   |
| Tuesday, Mar. 21..   | 123       | 159   | 189     | 471   |
| Wednesday, Mar. 22.. | 105       | 130   | 180     | 415   |
| Thursday, Mar. 23..  | 92        | 110   | 248     | 450   |
| Friday, Mar. 24..    | 136       | 142   | 149     | 427   |
| Totals .....         | 618       | 838   | 1920    | 3376  |

as much as possible in order that the utmost speed might be made. Consequently the average soldier carried with him from the border only a sweater and some large waterproof clothing against the cold, no overcoats or other heavy clothing having been taken in Mountain Fastnesses.

The troops have penetrated the mountain fastnesses a considerable distance below Casas Grandes in Indian territory, the preparations having been made to depend more largely upon mules and horses instead of motor trucks for transport purposes. Several hundred cavalry remounts also have been received here from Oklahoma points and are being prepared for service. It is reported that the expeditionary forces in Mexico are now being reorganized, the American cavalry in several detachments have spread fan-like below Casas Grandes, reaching distances ranging from 30 to 120 miles from the advanced base.

**EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IS IN THE VICINITY OF NAMIQUIPA.**  
No Mention Made of Operations in General Pershing's Report.

San Antonio, Tex., March 24.—General Pershing reported to General Funston today that two columns of the American expeditionary forces were in the vicinity of Namiquipa, where he said Villa was last reported. No mention of other operations was made.

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HAVE DOUBLED IN VALUE IN PAST FIFTEEN YEARS

\$24,000,000,000 A YEAR

Are Now Double Those of Any Other Country in the World—Leads World in Exports for Calendar Year 1915.

New York, March 24.—Manufacturers in the United States have doubled in value since 1900 according to an analysis of 1915 census returns just published by the foreign trade department of the National City Bank and given out today.

**What the Figures Show.**  
These figures show that the total output for 1914, the year covered by the 1915 census, will aggregate \$24,000,000,000 as compared with less than

## Condensed Telegrams

The spring rush to the government railroad construction camps in Alaska is on.

Several small wooden buildings at Fort Fairfield, Me., were burned yesterday.

To date it has cost the city of New York \$2,000,000 for snow removal this season.

Governor Whitman signed the bill requiring each motorist to pay a license tax of \$2.50.

Twenty-five wireless stations in and about San Antonio, Tex., have been dismantled by federal agents.

Commander Theodore C. Fenton, U. S. N., retired, died at his home in Philadelphia, aged 63.

The Maryland State Bankers' Association will hold its annual meeting this year in Atlantic City, N. J.

The Dutch Seamen's Union decided to uphold its members who refuse to sail because of the submarine peril.

Forest fires burned over nearly 300,000 acres of national forest land in 1915, according to reports just compiled.

By a vote of 7 to 6, the New York Assembly passed a bill to prohibit the local option and state-wide prohibition bills.

Major General George F. Gorringe, with the British Mesopotamia forces, has been promoted to lieutenant-general.

Captain Commandant Worth G. Ross, United States coast guard, died at his home in New Bedford.

Count Zepollin in the Prussian House of Deputies announced that he is working on a new type of motor for his airplane.

Gen. Soukhomlinoff, former Russian minister of war, arrived at The Hague as a member of the Council of the Empire.

Retiring directors were re-elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the American Steel Foundries, held in Jersey City.

Six logbooks of the British cruiser Cumberland drifted ashore at the Chicomico Light station on the North Carolina coast.

The federal grand jury at Chicago indicted the Cudahy Packing Co. and the Chicago & Alton Railroad for alleged rebating.

While playing on the ice on the Connecticut river at Hartford, Ernest Johnson, aged 14, fell into open water and was drowned.

Following the disastrous fire at Augusta, Ga., which made 5,000 persons homeless, the city was placed on guard to prevent looting.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke, American minister to the Netherlands, arrived at The Hague after spending a brief vacation in the United States.

Lieut.-Col. Samuel Reber, chief of army aviation service, left three stories at his home in Washington. He was not seriously injured.

The Union Pacific Railroad company submitted a bill for the year ending June 30, 1915, showing a gross increase of \$2,441,000, with a net gain of \$1,385,000.

Denial was made in London of the reported torpedoing of the Galopier lightship off the mouth of the Thames River in the North Sea.

The State Department ruled that the armed Italian liner Regina d'Italia and Caserta may clear from New York with their guns mounted.

The American section of the International High Commission, headed by Secretary McAdoo, arrived at Bahia, Brazil, on the cruiser Tennessee.

Owing to a shortage of gasoline, Switzerland will prohibit the use of private automobiles and motor trucks on the use of military cars.

A man believed by the police to be Joseph Greenfield, aged 40, committed suicide by leaping from an elevated train on the Bridge Street station, Brooklyn.

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## WAITE CONFESSES HE BOUGHT POISON

Believed to Have Caused Death of His Father-in-Law, John E. Peck of Grand Rapids, Mich.

PRIVATE DETECTIVE TELLS OF BRIBE OFFERED

Accused Dentist Says He Purchased the Poison at the Request of His Millionaire Father-in-law, Who Was Despondent and Wished to Commit Suicide—A Private Detective Declares Waite Asked Him to Bribe the Latter's Negro Maid to Corroborate the Dentist's Story—Accused is Under Close Surveillance in Bellevue Hospital, as He Expressed Regret That the Drugs He Took Wednesday Had Not Killed Him.

New York, March 24.—Confession was made today by Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, according to District Attorney Swann, that he bought the poison believed to have caused the death of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, a millionaire, who was despondent and wished to commit suicide.

Another sensational development late in the day was the statement made to Mr. Swann by Raymond Schindler, a private detective, who stated that he had asked him to attempt to bribe Waite's negro maid, Dora Hillier, to corroborate the dentist's story.

"If she will say in court that she heard Mr. Peck ask me to buy the arsenic," Schindler told the district attorney, "I will give her a check for \$1,000."

Dr. Waite, according to the detective, threatened what he promised to be a check for \$1,000 to the order of the girl, written by Schindler on a sheet of paper which he showed to the district attorney. The check is now in the possession of Mr. Swann.

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Taken to Bellevue Hospital. Dr. Waite was taken to the prison ward at Bellevue hospital tonight. Mr. Swann said he wished to keep him under the closest possible surveillance because he had expressed regret that the drugs he took Wednesday had not killed him and that he wished he were dead.

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Admits Buying Arsenic. "Yes," he said, according to Mr. Swann, "I bought the arsenic, but I regret that I did so. I went to a chemist to tell you, so I'll probably go to the electric chair. Mr. Peck was an old man and he was very despondent over the death of his wife. One day he asked me to buy some poison for him. I don't remember whether he said private automobiles and motor trucks on the use of military cars."

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Federal customs officials at El Paso, Tex., have begun rigidly to enforce the immigration laws, turning back many persons who seek to enter the country as "undesirables."

Hearings on Representative Buchanan's impeachment charges against United States Attorney Marshall at New York were resumed before the house judiciary committee.

A public hearing on the question of extending the existing quarantine against Indian corn from Java, India and parts of Oceania, was held at the department of agriculture.

The submarine D-1 is temporarily out of commission at the New York navy yard, with some of her plates dented and one of her amateur shafts broken. The repairs cannot be completed before several weeks.

The Society of Colonial Wars at Hartford nominated the following officers for the election to be held in May: Governor, John H. Perry, deputy governor, Professor William Williston Walker, New Haven; secretary, A. Barber, Hartford; treasurer, R. W. Cutler, Hartford.

Washington dispatch says favorable report on the house bill for leasing public lands to public lands committee, with an amendment eliminating coal and sodium lands from its provisions. As amended, the measure would direct the secretary of the interior to lease for twenty years periods with the right of extension for ten years, public lands containing phosphate, oil, gas, or potassium.

Steamship Movements. Liverpool, March 24.—Sailed: Steamer Eronland, New York.

Infantry Called to Police Headquarters at El Paso. All information as to the reason is Withheld by Officials.

El Paso, Tex., March 24.—Two companies of the Seventh Infantry were ordered to report to police headquarters at El Paso, Tex., for the reason for the order was withheld by police and military officials.

Movements of Steamships. Gibraltar, March 23.—Arrived, steamer America, New York for Genoa. Sailed, steamer America, New York for Genoa. Sailed, steamer America, New York for Genoa.

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